

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub B2 > 4. The system of claim 1, wherein said software controllable devices each include an operating system, said operating system including application programming interfaces to retrieve data from, and write data to, said control object, and

wherein said control object is polymorphic such that said control object is adapted to take on the logical attributes and command and control capabilities of any of said devices.

Sub C1 > 14. The system of claim 1, wherein said respective one of said software controllable devices further comprises a display by which said respective one of said software controllable devices is controlled, and wherein said display is adapted to control others of said devices via said network and said control object.

22. The system of claim 21, said control objects further comprising extensions wherein said control objects are adapted to logically and physically pass a control signal to said devices, and wherein said control objects are adapted to send a message to one of an electronic controller and interface provided in said devices.

27. The system of claim 20, wherein at least one of said software controllable devices further comprises a display by which said at least one of said software controllable devices is controlled, and wherein said display is adapted to control others of said devices via said network and said control objects.